Rationalisation of project allocation among states

2534. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to rationalize project allocation among various States particularly Punjab State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to.(c) No, Sir. Since 2002-03, available funds to various projects are being allocated based on State-wise formula in which weightage of 15% each is given to area and population and balance 70% a throwforward of projects in the State. From 2006-07, doubling and Railway Electrification works have been kept out of the purview of this formula.

Accidents due to over utilisation of tracks

2535. DR. K. MALAISAMY. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the over utilization of Railway tracks are instrumental for Railway accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that rejected wagon/coaches are reused more and more in the jurisdiction of Southern Railway;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more accidents happen in Southern Railway; and

(d) whether the causes have been analysed and corrective measures have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.'

(d) Yes, Sir. Each and every train accident is inquired into" either departmentally or by Commissioner of Railway Safety depending upon seriousness of the accident. The staff held responsible according to the